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## FANWOOD

The short week since school opened at Fanwood for the Fall term passed all too quickly, but all units were functioning smoothly in well-arranged unison. Much interest is manifested in the removal to the new site at Greenburgh next year, and arrangements are well under way for the eventful time next May.

Superintendent Skyberg at the initial teachers meeting announced that plans called for the closing of the school year around the end of May, but the loss of the usual two weeks sessions in June would be made up by shortening the Christmas and Easter vacations and several other holidays as well. The teachers in the Vocational Department have been provided with scale copies of their locations in the new building, and have been busy mapping out the exact positions of their equipment units, so that the various power, lighting, ventilation, and other systems can be provided for in advance during the construction of the building. On Monday Superintendent Skyberg and Vocational Principal Tyrrell were at Greenburgh, for consultation with the contractors on the above. Mr. Lofgren was up there recently and took photographs of the work in progress, and these, with models to be made later, will give a comprehensive idea of how the new site and buildings will look when completed.

"Football weather" is what the weather man has been handing out lately. Unusually crisp and chilly days for September have characterized the past week. Taking advantage of the opportunity, Coach Gamblin has been busy with his football squad. It is still too early to predict who will "make" the team, but it is confidentially expected that the team will show results this year after the embryo stage of two seasons back.

Mr. Anthony C. Reiff, a former Fanwood boy, was a caller at the JOURNAL office on Monday. Mr. Reiff looked almost as hale and hearty as on the day he received his diploma, and essayed forth to make his way in the world. A few gray hairs on the temples and perhaps more silvery along the scalp, plus a couple of missing front teeth, are all that he showed of the ravages of Time after thirty-five years of steady work in printing offices of the city. Mr. Reiff has always been a member of Typographical Union, No. 6.

In the school directory printed last week in this column, the name of Mr. Barnet Stein as instructor in tailoring was overlooked. Mr. Stein spent the summer months at the New York State Training School for Teachers located at Watertown, N. Y.

On Tuesday the 21st there were no school sessions, in accordance with the proclamation of Mayor LaGuardia to the public schools, declaring the day a holiday for the American Legionnaires, who are convening in the city during the week.

Mrs. Arthur Meacham invited Mr. and Mrs. David Morrill to a surprise birthday dinner on Sunday, in honor of her husband's birthday. The table was beautifully decorated, and the dinner greatly enjoyed.

During the summer months, doubtless the teachers and pupils had many trips to interesting places, far and wide. Journeys abroad, ocean voyages, transcontinental tours, auto trips, etc., were on the itinerary of quite a few, and it is hoped that their experiences will be related in this column

later on. Moving pictures were taken by Supt. Skyberg during his trip to Paris last summer and their showing is eagerly awaited. Other movies were made by Mr. Lux at Camp Fanwood, and by Mr. Renner on his Southern cruise, and both showings are also being anticipated with interest.

## Kansas City, Mo.

Recently there appeared in the Kansas City *Star*, a long, interesting article featuring the life of Dr. Vernon L. Kellogg, scientist and diplomat, who passed away on August 8th, in Hartford, Connecticut. Some of the boys may ask "Who is Dr. Vernon L. Kellogg, what is he to us?" In 1932 Gallaudet College, according to W. J. Marra, teacher of adult deaf education here in Kansas City, conferred upon Dr. Kellogg a honorary Doctor of Laws degree for something which Marra could not recall. Never before in the history of Gallaudet College until 1932 had a LL.D. degree been conferred upon any person. It fell to the lot of Dr. Kellogg to be the first to receive a degree of such kind from Gallaudet.

Robert Elvin Pollock, 30 years old, who was suffering from infantile paralysis, passed away recently in the General Hospital. He was a house painter by occupation. When he was in his teens he and his brother, Clifford built a miniature coaster in the back yard of their home, charging the children of the neighborhood a penny for a ride in the coaster. From this they were able to support themselves and their widow mother. In 1927 the Pollock brothers were employed in some way as the builders of the trestle for the coaster at the Winnwood Beach, one of Kansas City's famous playgrounds.

Mr. Pollock leaves his widow, Mrs. Evelyn Hicks Pollock; a son, Paul O. Pollock, and his mother, Mrs. Ethel Pollock; a brother Clifford E. Pollock; a sister, and his grandmother.

C. H. Laughlin, instructor of cabinetmaking at the Kansas State School for the Deaf, gave a very interesting lecture at the meeting of the local Frats on September 11th. The lecture was about his trip from Olathe, Kan., to Cuba via New York City. The most interesting part of his lecture was his trip to Cuba and the manual alphabet used by the deaf Cubans, which is quite different from our manual alphabet.

Mrs. Bessie Hunt spent two weeks vacation in Colorado. Likewise Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stanfill spent their vacation in Colorado and Wyoming. They reported a fine time out there.

Robert Gaunce has left Kansas City, for Washington, D.C., where he will assume his studies in the Freshman Class at Gallaudet College.

E. W.

## Old-Time Accomplishments

The following extract from an old newspaper gives one an idea of the accomplishments of our grandmothers in household arts, of importance in every girl's education:

Mrs. Ann Emery of Saco, died last week at the advanced age of ninety-three years. When she was married, in 1825, her accomplishments were stated as follows: She could cook all kinds of food in an expert manner; sew and knit, spin and weave cloth, make her own clothes from-cloth made with her own hands, make butter and cheese, make soap and tinder—this was long before the days of friction matches—dip candle, sing and dance

## NEW YORK CITY

### UNION LEAGUE NOTES

As the last days of the successful season at Coney Island were closing with a week of merriment—the annual Mardi Gras—on September 18th, at the Deaf-Mutes' Union League rooms, the Entertainment Committee was staging a Mardi Gras of their own.

There was music for dancing as the Deaf-Mutes' Union League has installed a first-class radio—on that evening the music that came in by radio was fine and one-fourth of the 400 in attendance enjoyed dancing to the utmost.

The affair concluded with a beauty contest, with 80 of the 200 girls present entered and to distinguish the winner they were numbered.

The judges were Patrolman Henry O'Connor, of the West 47th Precinct; Mr. Carroll Amoss, 313th Infantry, Baltimore Legionnaires, and Mr. L. Jones, Elk Club 392, of Charlotte, N. C.

The two above named understood the use of signs. Patrolman O'Connor was taught by Mr. Hugo Schmidt, and Mr. Amoss is deaf, having been wounded in action in France during the World's War.

It took nearly half hour for them to select the winners, after the girls had paraded around the room.

The coveted prize was a silver loving cup, and was won by Miss Anna Massiello; the second prize, a cash award, was won by Miss Phillis Kirk.

Refreshments were served free to all in the recreation room.

While the Lgionnaires are being welcomed everywhere in our city, it was a pleasure to have at the festival, Mr. Carroll Amoss, who served four years in the Navy and four years in the Army during the World War. He was wounded and confined in a hospital six months, rendered blind and deaf. Fine surgical skill enabled him to regain his eyesight, but not his hearing. He now resides in Baltimore, having married a deaf woman. He is a printer by trade, and though he receives a pension from the Government he continues at his trade, as he informed ye reporter, he couldn't be normal otherwise.

### H. A. D.

It was one of the finest days of Indian Summer on Wednesday, the 16th inst., and about one-third of the Jewish deaf in the city gathered at the assembly room of the Temple Emanu-El, which seats at least 1000, for the sacred Yom Kippur services. It was a record-breaker in attendance, and a great number of new faces were in evidence.

The whole Yom Kippur day was spent in fasting and constant prayer. There was Kaddish (prayers for the departed members, relatives and friends) which added to the solemnity of the occasion. This, as usual, was conducted by Mr. Nathan Schawrtz. Also included in the services were various hymns "sung" by Mesdames William Krieger, Henry Peters and Arnold A. Cohn; Misses Sally Auerbach, Ethel Koplowitz, Celia Kalmanowitz and Fannie Forman. The closing service started when the evening approached, reminding all of the eventide of life and bidding them to make the most of their opportunities.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bothner, who spent the summer at Mansfield, Pa., have returned home. Mr. Bothner is one of the founders of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League.

### SCHEIBER-BREDEN NUPTIALS

On a beautiful day, September 18th last, at 4:30 P.M., Miss Clara Marie Scheiber of Cedar Grove, N. J., became the bride of Mr. John Breden of Springfield, L. I., at the pleasant home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scheiber, on Pompton Avenue. The Rev. Boll of the Lutheran Church for the Deaf performed the interesting ceremony, speaking orally and also in the sign language. The sweet and lovely bride was given away by her father. She wore a gown of white lace, over white silk taffeta, and carried a shower bouquet. Her short veil was of white tulle. The maid of honor was a sister of the groom, and was gowned in lace over peach-colored silk. The groom wore a black cutaway coat, and his best man was a brother of the bride, Mr. Paul Scheiber.

The house was decorated in beautiful green foliage, and flowers. In the reception room and dining room hung two large wedding bells of white crepe paper, suspended from the ceiling by streamers of the same.

After the ceremony the guests partook of a delicious buffet supper, including chicken salad, ice-cream, coffee and cakes, also portions of a wedding cake mounting three feet high!

The bride was educated at the Trenton, N. J., school for the deaf, and the groom at Fanwood, New York City. They received many handsome and useful presents.

Approximately eighty-five guests were present, relatives, and friends, those deaf being Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weisenstein, Mr. E. Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Lind, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Von Husen, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Downs, Mr. and Mrs. Shoenewaldt, Miss Kate Christgeau, Mr. Edward Scheiber, and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony C. Reiff.

Mr. A. L. Pach left New York on the 11th to be the guest of Miss Theodore Koehler on her farm "Willow Springs," 15 miles from Olyphant, Pa., for two weeks. Miss Koehler is a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Koehler, and a graduate of the Bellevue Hospital Nursing School, and after graduation she had a number of New Yorkers under her care.

In conducting her farm Miss Koehler has the assistance of Mr. Stanley Shanoske, who attended the Scranton Oral School. On one of many trips, driven by Mr. Charles Ziobro, who attended the Scranton and Mt. Airy Schools, to Lake Handsome they met the Misses Laura Gregory and Dorothy Williams, again students who attended the same duo of institutions of learning, and both "oral boosters."

Miss Goldye Aaronson, one of the counselors of girls at the Lexington School for the Deaf, is altar-bound; her betrothal to Mr. Benjamin De Castro of Panama being announced to some of her friends

Card parties are again the favorite past time, consequently the Deaf-Mutes' Union League, which can accommodate 160 players at Bridge and "500" have advertised for these games on Sunday, October 3d. It is hoped all the experts will attend. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners. Mr. Benjamin Mintz is in charge and he is an expert at both games.

Mr. Herbert Lieberz at last has discarded his seven-year-old Ford and purchased a brand new 1937 model of same make. Hope that Herbert won't forget ye scribe on one of the trips that he favored him with in the old car several times.



## OHIO

News items for this column can be sent to William T. Uren, School for the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio

No doubt many of our good readers have missed the column from the Buckeye State. The writer has been very busy through the summer months cleaning the buildings at the school and because of the Reunion the work was rushed this year. After working hard eight hours on a hot day, one has very little ambition to sit down to write. Had I had enough news to fill a column I would have written, but since most of Columbus is deserted through the summer months when the school is closed, news is not very plentiful, most of the news is gossip of the local variety and of no interest to our readers.

Now that the school is open again and the teachers and employees are gathered around, news will be more plentiful and if nothing unforeseen occurs, the Ohio column will be in the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL regularly hereafter.

I suppose the subject or question mostly on the minds of our readers is "What happened at the Ohio Reunion?" Well, the writer can truthfully say plenty.

According to talk reaching this town brought by visitors to other conventions, the general impression has been that Ohio is an "has been." No longer is it the worker for the deaf cause as it once was. Had those who foster such ideas in mind attended the Ohio Reunion they would have departed convinced that Ohio is very much alive. The business part of our convention was well attended and much done towards bettering conditions that exist today. A committee was formed to start action for the establishment of a Labor Bureau for the Deaf. A petition was started requesting the State Government to approve plans for a new school to be built on the outskirts of Columbus. Both of these resolutions will be explained in detail in later columns.

A request for \$1,000.00 by Miss Bessie MacGregor, president of the Board of Managers of the Home to pay for much needed repairs and painting at the Home was granted. The money is to be taken from the Alumni Fund. A move by the Rev. Flick to take a further \$500 from the Alumni funds for the purpose of remedying the acute water shortage at the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf was hotly debated. It was passed once but at the next meeting it was again brought up for consideration. Those opposing the request said it was unwise to take such large sums from the Alumni funds and leave very little for the purpose of fighting any legislation that was unfair to the deaf. With such bills being introduced to both state and national governments from time to time, the deaf should have sufficient funds in reserve to fight for their rights. It was a doubtful outlook for the passage of the request of \$500 to improve the Home's water supply when Rev. Flick poured oil on troubled water by announcing that someone had volunteered to donate \$500 for that purpose.

Talk over the State Department of Education requiring all teachers to have college degrees was then on the floor. A move to request the Department to disregard this ruling in respect to teachers of the deaf did not make much headway after a fine talk by Mr. James Flood. Mr. Flood pointed to the changed times and said that the modern teacher was much like a doctor, he had the future of the student in his hands, and should prepare himself to teach the students the ways of the modern world. No longer was just reading, writing and arithmetic the only things to teach as in the days gone-by. Teaching today was a science, and those who teach should be prepared to teach in a scientific way. Many old timers could not agree to this, they declared that

a teacher is born, not made. As President Roy Conkling said "regardless to the changed times, they still milk a cow the same old way."

Saturday the election of officers took place and the result was as follows: President, Roy B. Conkling, re-elected; vice-president, Milton B. Richardson, re-elected; recording secretary, Casper B. Jacobson, re-elected; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Zorn; executive secretary, James Flood.

Business was resumed on Sunday evening at 8 p.m. This session will go down in the history of the Ohio Association as one of the most hotly debated sessions in its history. It ended at 1:15 on Monday morning, with business uncompleted, the new officers were supposed to have been sworn in, but no thought was given to that. Moves to adjourn earlier in the evening were disregarded. The question under so much discussion concerned grievances against one of the staff members of the Ohio school.

Other highlights during the business sessions were the reports of Mr. Harry Folchmer, Superintendent of the Ohio Home, and Mrs. Neutzling, secretary of the Board of Managers of the Home. Mr. Folchmer reported the crops as very good, the apple crop was the largest in years. He stressed the need for painting and repairs, he declared it was false economy to delay such work longer. He said the biggest need was for a better water system. New stokers had been put in the heating plants of the main and men's buildings, these stokers are expected to prove economical and function perfectly.

The ceremonies were opened Friday morning with invocation by Rev. G. F. Flick of Chicago. Mrs. Lewis LaFountain gave a beautiful recitation of "Our O. S. S. D." Addresses of welcome by Superintendent Abernathy and Dr. Reaves of the State Department of Education were given. Gov. Davey and the Mr. S. Movis for the city of Columbus were not present, perhaps the heat was too much for them. Perhaps this description of the opening ceremonies is rather out of place down here dear reader, but I was so eager to get the business out of mind that I forgot the opening ceremonies, anyhow the ceremonies are of little importance compared to what has been accomplished by the business meetings.

Time does not permit more writing now. Next week I will write of the program and what happened, name the visitors and other details. A bit of local news goes with this letter to add a little spice to the readers palate.

Mr. Fred. Moore was one of the graduates at the summer session commencement exercises at the Ohio State University on September 3d. He received his M.A. degree in education. The writer and his many friends extend to him their heartiest congratulations. For the past several years Mr. Moore has studied in his spare time. To the plodder comes the reward.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kennedy are now back in town with their little girl and "Rusty." They had spent the summer touring around and, of course, dropped in on their beloved New Jersey. Altogether they visited in nine states.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Anderson and family are back, getting ready for the school's opening day September 19th. They spent the summer in Minnesota visiting relatives.

George Sembo, Lorain, and Miss Geraldine Ashley, Portsmouth, were married a few weeks ago. I understand from reports the couple are making their home in Lorain.

Two hours and a half after she lost her husband by death, Mrs. Mary L. Wunderlin of Columbus, died after a heart attack. They are the parents of Miss Louise Wunderlin, a former pupil here. The sympathies of the writer and the many friends of Miss Wunderlin go to her over her double loss.

WM. T. UREN.

## SEATTLE

Grand President A. L. Roberts of the N. F. S. D., and Mrs. Roberts arrived in Seattle, August 31st, and were entertained with a reception by Division, No. 44, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. The next day the distinguished visitors was taken out sight seeing in the courtesy cars of J. M. Lowell of Tacoma, and N. C. Garrison. Others in the party were Mrs. N. C. Garrison, Mrs. Carl Spencer and Mrs. E. Bertram. They took great interest in the frozen aquarium at the port of Seattle dock where the thermometer registered 15-below zero. In the evening at seven o'clock about 90 people gathered at the Elks banquet room for a splendid course dinner and afterward proceeded to the beautiful lodge room for speeches. Following N. C. Garrison was C. K. McConnell signing "America" and Messrs. Bradbury Bodley, Wright Holcombe and Lowell. Mr. Roberts talked interestingly for nearly an hour. And then charming Mrs. Roberts in a graceful way made a few remarks. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are a brilliant couple and we all were pleased to make their acquaintance and hope they will come out west again. Several in Seattle knew them at Gallaudet College, Olathe, Kan., and Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts stopped in Butte, Montana, to see Mrs. Elsie Key's daughter, an ex-teacher at the Kansas school, while they themselves taught there years ago.

The Labor Day Picnic by the N. F. S. D., at Lincoln Park, was one of the best we had for several years, with the attendance over 100. Everything, including the weather, went grandly. Mrs. Joe Kirschbaum and Mrs. C. Spencer took prizes for a fast smoking contest; Mr. Kidd and Jack Kinney for men; Mia Plum and Mrs. Arthur Martin and Wilbur Jensen and Joe Kirschbaum for peanut race. Rummy over tables, Mrs. L. Evans and John Sojat. Ball throwing, Mrs. Ferris and Jack Pinney. Eating watermelon, Mrs. Frank Rolph and Marie Johnson and Joe Kirschbaum and Bert Haire. Horseshoe pitching, Wilbert Lanctot and John Sojat.

Watermelon and coffee were served free to all. Committee in charge were Messrs. Spencer, Bradbury and Bodley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jack of Chehalis; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Riley of Victoria B. C.; Miss Julia Cantey of Vancouver, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Greenwald of Portland, and Lloyd Hudson, Elkton, Ore., attended the N. F. S. D. picnic.

Miss Esther Paulson of Saskatchewan, Canada, after attending the Teachers' Convention in New York and visiting her parents in Portland, Ore., came up to Seattle to see Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Garrison, remaining all evening, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jack, the Labor Day week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright, were tendered a party, Saturday night, and also Mr. and Mrs. Riley of Victoria, at Mrs. E. Bertram's home. Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Fea and Miss Burrough of San Francisco, visiting in Seattle, were present. More guests than the hostess expected, but she managed the refreshments nicely.

Tuesday evening, September 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spencer invited sixteen friends to their cozy apartment for bridge and a dainty luncheon in honor of their guest Mrs. J. P. Jack, Mr. Jack having returned home for work. Mrs. Spencer presented Mrs. Jack a lovely guest gift and for highest score at bridge, the writer and Claire Reeves received nice prizes. The gorgeous dahlias brought from the country by Mr. and Mrs. Reeves for Mrs. Spencer, were greatly admired by all.

The next evening Mr. and Mrs. Robert Travis asked several friends for a four-table bridge and to meet the youthful mother and father of

Mrs. Travis from Eugene, Ore. Auction bridge was played and when anyone had four honors on their hands the same prize was given them until the last person took it at the close of the game. A prize was also given for the first grand slam. Something new for the guests. Another prize was given for high score and the prizes were all fine and useful. Ice-cream with fresh frozen strawberries, delicious angel cake and coffee were served. Mr. and Mrs. Travis are an intelligent young couple, having been married one year.

The marriage of Miss Anna Kingdon to Mr. Lloyd Hudson of Elkton, Ore., September 6th, was a great surprise to their friends. A Justice of the Peace performed the ceremony, with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown as witnesses in the presence of the bride's immediate family. The happy couple departed for a short honeymoon before returning to Elkton, where Mr. Hudson holds a place as a janitor at the high school. All friends extend sincere congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds. Anna has lived around and in Seattle all of her life and has a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Editha Ziegler greatly enjoyed her Labor Day vacation in Portland and Salem, Ore., where Mrs. Lindstrom took her and Mr. and Mrs. Kredit of Portland, to a private room in a cafe for a big hearty dinner.

Mrs. E. Bertram accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John Dortero to Spokane, Sunday, September 4th, and visited Miss Diana Ingraham for a week. She returned in time for the P. S. A. D. meeting. James Lowell of Tacoma, brought Mr. and Mrs. William Brogan of Philadelphia, to the meeting and the two gentlemen, who attended school together, gave good speeches. The visitors have gone back east, after a couple of weeks trip out west.

The other visitors at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jack and Alfred Goetz. Mr. Jack came to Tacoma from Chehalis, Saturday and Alfred drove him in his car to Seattle. Mrs. Jack visited with Mrs. Partridge in the meantime. Mr. Goetz took Mr. and Mrs. Jack back to Tacoma to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sheatsley, who had secretly planned a silver wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Jack, today.

Mrs. LeRoy Bradbury and little sonny went with a cousin to Wenatchee for a couple of weeks' stay with her sister. She visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Belser a number times, saying Larry was convalescing from an old infection in his arm.

On the arrival of Frank Rolph from Alaska, where he worked as a chef for a cannery all summer, he presented his wife a slightly used Plymouth car. Mrs. Rolph is a skilled driver.

Joan Grace Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright, became the wife of Arthur Joseph McMullen, September 11th, at the Church of the Immaculate in the presence of their relatives and some 100 friends. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white net veil over a white lace gown with a train of both materials. She carried a bouquet of white gardenia, rose buds and sweet peas. There was a flower girl and a maid of honor. A reception took place at Mr. and Mrs. Wright's residence afterwards. The couple drove out to the coast for their honeymoon.

While dancing at Lake Wilderness, Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, slipped and broke her forearm. Betty is taking a postgraduate course at High School in preparation to enter the University of Washington.

PUGET SOUND.

September 12th.

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BROOKLYN DIVISION, No. 23

Saturday Eve., February 12, 1938

Entertainment and Ball



## CHICK-AW-GO!

By J. Frederick Meagher

No. 7

Six hundred Nads on a silvery boat—  
Flying fingers yap Yo-ho-ho!  
Happier horde ne'er sailed afloat,  
Passing the bell-buoy, down the moat—  
Away from cankered-care and woe  
With a Yo-heave-ho, we gaily go!  
Pity the beauty without a coat—  
This brisk Lake breeze has a chill, you  
goat!

The pitch and roll makes us ill, you know

(Balance of this beautiful "poem," which might have gone rolling down the endless corridors of Time, coupled with Shakespeare, Dante and Napoleon, is forever lost! For just then my tummy felt funny, and I had to rush for the rail and take inventory of my last three meals. So excuse, please).

Forgetful men! Know what day this is, Wednesday, July 28?

"Sure," sures you—you sap. "This bane day ay tank ay go home, on Lake Michigan steamboat ride."

There! You see! All humanity thinks of is present pleasure, blissfully forgetting horrible catastrophes of the past!

Know then, forgetful men, today marks the 23d anniversary of the start of the World War! It was July 28, 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Serbia! Then things happened fast!

Know what day last Saturday was—when a bare two-dozen conventioners attended the Chi-first Frat picnic, and the parsons opened their own little conference?

"So what?" what's you. Trying to be smart, eh? Say, listen, you land-lubber, pipe down. Saturday was the 22d anniversary of the Eastland disaster. On July 24, 1915—while our NAD was meeting in convention in San Francisco—851 lives were lost when the huge excursion steamer Eastland turned turtle (turned over on her side and lay on the bed of this same Chicago river) right up the same Clark Street on which is located our Sherman Hotel. Yes sir, honest. Just two blocks north of the Sherman.

Believe it or not, that Eastland was the tub our NAD crowd took for the Lake Erie excursion, during the Cleveland, 1913, convention.

Today we take the Theodore Roosevelt, sailing 60 miles across Lake Michigan to dock at St Joe, Michigan. Hope we don't "hoodoo" the Teddy R. like we seem to have hoodooed the Eastland.

Various local lads leave Hotel Sherman every few minutes, shepherding a flock of sheep through traffic to the dock just east of the Michigan Boulevard bridge. Sailing time set for 9:30—and unlike the business sessions, 9:30 it is. Grand Gazaboo Peter Livshis states just 636 silents bought tickets for the round-trip.

"Nothing stirs wanderlust like a liner nosing out to open sea," Odd McIntyre wrote. Always, the big day of a convention is the "outing." Then, and then only, are all of us solidified; bunched; corralled. Always the day starts with high hopes and exalted expectations. Those unmarried youngsters feel sure they will meet their foreordained fate; us oldsters feel again the rich red wine of Romance course through our antiquated veins. Usually the day ends with a spiritual let-down; hopes crashed like a punctured balloon; boredom and disappointment.

Wonder how many of these bright-eyed youths are meeting their future-mates today. I first met my wife at a NAD convention, you know; that was 26 years ago—and I have not yet "traded-in" on a new model.

"Cast off." The huge hawsers are hauled aboard. So slowly and softly does the propeller begin to turn, we are not aware of motion until we happen to notice the docks slipping past. "We are floating up the river," I tell the queen of all deaf contest hounds, Muriel Bishop of Atlanta.

"Up? My eye; you mean down river," spells she, tolerantly.

"Up!"

"No; down. You sail down a river to its mouth."

"Listen, proud rebel," I rebuke her. "The Chicago river used to empty into Lake Michigan; but pollution of our drinking water caused us to alter its flow by means of expensive locks and dams. So now this Chicago river is the world's only river which runs uphill. It empties into the Gulf of Mexico. So we are sailing up the river."

Out past huge Navy pier; out through the channel of the break-water; and we hit deep blue sea. Full speed ahead, and the accelerated vibration of the propeller throbs music through the feet. Almost no pitch or toss—yet only last Monday the lake was so rough this tub had to turn back and cancel sailings. Honest, pard; veteran watermen say sometimes the Great Lakes have storms which match any ocean disturbance.

This Theodore Roosevelt proves a paradise to the provincials who "never sailed in anything larger than a canoe," as Eddie Foltz used to phrase it. Plenty of chairs on the three open decks. Dance hall; cafeteria; bar; penny arcade; etc. We have run-of-boat—they even let us descend the slippery, oily stairs, I mean "ladder," to the engine room, and examine those huge Diesel engines which send massive steel pistons plunging up and down.

Here comes the fly in the ointment—for me. This is the day of the customary conventional "Pen-Pushers' Pow-Wow"—the American Guild of Deaf Writers feed, returning this afternoon. President Murphy of Kansas City, being unable to attend, delegated Byron B. Burnes, newly-appointed editor of the Minnesota Companion, to manage matters. Burnes made all arrangements, and sold some tickets, then—blooey. Seems Burnes is spending the summer studying for a Master's degree at the University of Chicago—second only to Harvard as a post-grad school. Burnes cut classes Monday and Tuesday, but as today sees a "test," he don't have play hookey a third straight day. Give you three guesses as to whom he makes the goat.

Correct.

So with Miss Virginia Dries, the "Information" of the Local Committee, I spend most of the three and a half hours of the trip peddling tickets for the 5:30 feed of the moulders of opinion. Whatta job. Most prospective clients would rather buttonhole me and talk, than buy a ticket. Eventually we manage to get rid of the batch, praise the holy Saint Patrick.

After nineteen years as a Chicagoan, I finally meet that highly-touted teacher of the Ephpheta school for Catholic deaf—Miss Garrity she is called, although I understand she is a full-fledged nun. Splendid woman—character stands out all over her refined face. Good talker, too. Some of her conversation goes over my head, especially a reference to a previous meeting. Finally Virginia, one of her proteges, butts in:

"Pardon, good mother; do you know who this man is?"

"Certainly," Miss Garrity rejoins. "He is Mr. Sedlow, the secretary."

Virginia gives me the horse-laugh. She couldn't be more delighted if I slipped on the ice and broke my neck. Almost strangles in her paroxysm of mirth. I don't see anything funny in it. Mistaking me—me—descended from a long line of Fighting Irish, for a prince of Palestine! Sedlow will feel insulted if he ever knows he looks like an Irishman.

Miss Garrity blushes; apologizes prettily; I assure her that's perfectly all right, and express my deep appreciation for being mistaken for one of

our great leaders, etc. So all ends happily.

Of the 636 o-shun going landlubbers aboard, probably not over a dozen know of two unusual incidents attached to the landing at St. Joe, around 1 o'clock. Charles Krauel, goody-goody guy of the Local Committee, was entrusted with the task of balancing accounts and carrying the coin. When boat docked at St. Joe, he retired to Livshis' cabin, and leisurely proceeded to get things ship-shape. Finally ready, he emerged and went below decks, only to find the ship underway for the trip down lake to Grand Haven. "Oooooooh—captain stop ship; I gotta get off." To boil down a hectic fifteen minutes, the ship was stopped; no wharf near; someone put out in a dory from shore, and Krauel was carefully (and profanely) lowered with some \$150 in coins and bills threatening to bulge out of his pants' pockets to feed the finny fishes. With a heartfelt prayer and a trust in Providence, Krauel and his rowboat finally landed on a ratty, rotting dock; and walked his way painfully along shore to the wharf where Livshis was blowing fire and brimstone because he was \$148.37 short of the agreed-on \$150 due to the House of David for courtesies promised. Livshis almost fell on Krauel's neck and wept when the footsore Man of Money straggled in.

The regular price of transportation to the famous House of David, seven miles from the pier, is 50 cents. Livshis drove a sharp bargain in advance, and secured a rate of 30 cents for his badge-wearers. We boarded those block-long doubly-open buses, originally used at the Century of Progress, two years ago. Just as Krauel and Livshis—happy but trembling—were about to board the very last bus, who should come cantering up but Dr. Nies of New York City, one of the NAD officials. Puffing like a porpoise, Doc unfolded his sad, sad story.

Seems he dallied over his morning shave at the Sherman, and reached Boul Miche just in time to see our liner heading out to sea. Adversity tries mens' souls—and moulds the mettle. You or I would have given up, and called the day a washout. Not that valiant descendant of the Norse Vikings. He orized briefly with the dock watchman; hopped a taxi to the South Shore electric lines; just caught a flyer humming along the rim of the Lake; rode to the terminal at Michigan City, Ind; then bundled aboard a bus to St. Joe, Mich.; and arrived hot but happy as foresaid.

Maybe that explains the secret of his spectacular success in the business world. A man who never knows he is licked can't be licked. I'm beginning to like this Dr. Edwin W. Nies—even if his name is Edwin.

(To be continued)

FLASH—October Frat, Spotlight column, says: "Charles Larson drove in to the Ft. Dearborn Massacre Friday night, attended Saturday's picnic—his life's farewell fling; hurried happily home to Kenosha (Wis.) Sunday; punctured tire; had to hurry to work that night, so mounted a bicycle and sped off. They then picked up his pieces all along the North Shore electric track after the flyer passed, and sent them in a basket to the undertaker."

### Sundry

"Rex" of Greensburg, Pa., recently returned from a trip to Lancaster, Harrisburg and Altoona. He enjoyed the speedy but delightful tour. He is planning a visit to his niece in Washington, D. C., soon, and will not forget to call at his Alma Mater—Gallaudet College.

B. Frank Widaman of Greensburg, Pa., was reelected chief librarian of the Men's Brotherhood of the United Brethren Church, for the twenty-first consecutive term. The church had a corn roast at Mount Oden Park one night recently, and Mr. Widaman was among the large crowd that enjoyed it.

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ACCORDING to the calendar Autumn begins today, September 23d. With the continuous fading of flowering plants we shall soon notice the brilliant coloring of the falling leaves, the fall from the trees of fruits and nuts, accompanied by a sense of falling of the mercury in the thermometer. Perhaps these seasonal changes give us a cue to the term Fall as applied to the change in seasons.

We notice a gradual preparation for the approach of the storm-king—Winter. Some people like these changes in the seasons, others have a preference for some particular part of the year; we must meet each season, whether it be pleasant or otherwise, as it comes according to the laws of Nature, which do not change. It is the same with the joys and mishaps of our personal lives over which we may have some control, but which often are beyond our determination.

IN A desire to eliminate "misfits" from the classroom, New York City vocational high schools this Fall are including a series of psychological and mental guidance tests for new admissions. These tests are used to determine what phase of vocational or shop work each pupil is fitted to do. At the end of the school year other guidance tests will be given to learn whether the pupil should continue the course he has started, or should change to some other field. In this way it is expected that misfits will be reduced to a minimum. As a result the pupils will be happier in their school work, and upon their graduation will find placements in jobs for which they are best fitted physically and temperamentally.

The arrangements in the vocational school is flexible enough to permit changing about until each pupil gets into the niche for which he is suited. Previously some of the guidance tests

were used in certain schools, but now this service is given throughout the vocational course with more counselors and guidance experts. The guidance tests have two main aims, in giving the pupil information about himself and things he probably never thought about; then a picture is portrayed of the economic world in which he is entering. It is necessary that the pupils become guidance conscious, and every teacher in the vocational schools must understand guidance as well as counseling, with knowledge of how to apply guidance to the everyday life of the pupils. Educational and vocational guidance has become an integral part of the daily operations of the school.

All requirements as to plans and programs of the guidance departments are unified, coordinated and integrated in a central guidance office in the division of vocational education. In addition to the physical and scholastic aptitude tests, the parents of the children are interviewed and a tentative choice of occupation is made—a try-out experiment—during which it can be decided what occupation is suitable to be studied throughout the course. All courses are designed to prepare the learners for occupational competence suiting their individual needs, aptitudes and interests. Adaptability is provided by the variety of work offered.

Every six months there are physical examinations revealing defects and weaknesses that may influence the final selection of occupation. Psychological and mental tests are given only to entering pupils. The object is to fit the school to the pupil and not the pupil to the school, and to this end the tests save the pupil from wasting time on things he cannot do.

THERE has come to our notice a pamphlet on "Sound Perception vs. Deafness," by Stanley Robinson, blind and deaf, and printed by courtesy at the Maryland School for the Deaf. It was published in an issue of the *Scientific American* in May, 1914. Mr. Robinson was born in Port Perry, Ontario, Canada, and attended a public school from the age of six until nine, when he began to grow deaf. He became totally deaf at the age of ten, but maintained his speech. After the loss of his hearing his education was obtained at the New York School for the Deaf, and later he was a resident at the Galaudet Home until his death. His remains were interred in the cemetery of the Home, at Wappingers Falls. We remember Stanley very well and was his teacher for a year.

His little work gives his personal experience of sounds coming to him through vibrations, and includes several other subjects such as imposters and the experience of the deaf in dancing. In referring to vibrations as experienced by the deaf, he writes:

"Very few people are aware of the fact that totally deaf persons are really conscious of the noise made by other persons or things, when such noises are made near enough to be communicated to their bodies. The fact that, scientifically speaking, the totally deaf possess diaphragmatic hearing is only known to their friends and instructors. They hear the concussion of sound almost as well as hearing people through the vibrations on their diaphragms which reach the

brain through the medium of the nerves of feeling. I have not a particle of hearing and write chiefly from my own experiences and life-long association with the deaf. Because I can speak quite fluently, strangers often think I am not deaf. A totally deaf person is much like a man with his ears plugged with cotton and thickly bandaged. Were the bodies of deaf persons not sensitive to such sounds as they feel, or come in contact with, I fear that they would feel they were living in a sphere of too great a silence. Noises make us feel that we are not really deaf. Much of the time we are not bothered or disturbed by all the harsh sounds which disturb the ears of the hearing community. If you are told that the gentleman at your doorway is totally deaf, do not imagine that he can hear when you see him turn to look at a passing truck. The noise made by the truck on the roadway has simply been communicated to the man's body by vibrations.

"A deaf-mute (one born deaf) will be conscious of the noises in the room which he occupies. He will feel the door slam, or the fall of a ball, an apple, an orange, a key, or any heavy weight, the footsteps of the persons in the room if it is not carpeted, and they are not wearing rubber shoes or slippers, the noise made by his own knife and fork while eating. If the house is a frame structure, you may knock on the ceiling below the one he occupies, if you wish to call him down stairs, and he will sometimes feel the knock. He may sometimes feel the noise in a room beside or beneath him. When within the house the deaf-mute feels no noise whatever, unless it is some great noise, such as the rumbling of a heavy truck, street car or passing train of cars, the firing of a gun, the explosion of gunpowder, or blasting of rock. The small deaf boy spends his Fourth of July with even as much enthusiasm as his hearing playmates. He feels the loud sharp noise of his firecrackers, caps, and other such things."

THE *American Annals of the Deaf* for September is replete with interesting matter, including a resume of the leading features of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf.

Among other contributions is an instructive paper by Dr. R. Pintner on "Latest Phases of Psychological Testing with the Deaf."

## New York State

News items for this column and subscriptions should be sent to William M. Lange Jr., 57 Dove Street, Albany, N. Y.

The weather of the last two or three weeks has been such that those vacationists who were still out in the "wide-open" spaces of modern summer resorts have beat a hasty retreat to the cosy comfort of their steam-heated homes. The next few months, we presume, will be spent by most of us in wishing what we did not the last few; i. e., that it would get warm again. But that's just what we human beings are, always wishing what it's not. But, ain't it fun?

The Labor Day outing of Albany Division No. 51, NFSD, made a hit. Although only about eighty deaf folks showed up, the fact that the day began with a cold, gloomy rain, and was cold and dark all day shows that it was a very goodly crowd. We are told that

visitors came from New York City, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and all nearby districts. They played, and ate, and drank, and played, and won prizes, and talked, and all together had a fine time. The affair was not over until well into the night, as many of the bunch could not tear themselves away from the congenial fellowship. Chairman Charles Morris got plenty of praise for his fine program.

Philip Lieberman and Miss Adeline Rosenblatt, of New York City, spent their Labor Day weekend with their deaf friends in Albany, attending the Frat Outing, and being house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris. On September 6th they drove to Saratoga Springs, where they saw all there was to be seen around that famous resort, not forgetting the Battlefields of the Revolution. From there they went to Schenectady to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnes and their new-born son. Philip and Harry are old schoolmates, and had much to talk over. Then to Albany, the train, and home to New York, with a very pleasant vacation to remember.

Other visitors to the Frat Outing were five folks from Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeMars and Clarence DeMars, from Bristol, with Charles Woods of New Britain and Anna Donaruma of Hartford came to have another good time among old friends. (Mr. and Mrs. DeMars formerly lived in Albany, Mrs. Catherine Jungle DeMars coming from Schenectady.) All five were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Calkins, of Albany, during their stopover.

We have received a sketchy report of a wedding, a trip, and an auto accident, all in one. It happened that Leon West, of Maple Crest, New York, drove north to Malone, to take his nephew back to the school for the deaf there. He stopped at Whitehall to see his old schoolmate, Wilbur Youtt, who has just been married. (Who the bride is, we do not know, though we hear that she is deaf also). Leon took them with him to Malone, and on the way back to Whitehall a drunken driver, in attempting to pass him, clipped his car, resulting in a rather bad wreck. Mrs. Youtt was the greatest sufferer, although reports say no one was badly injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Brown, of Schenectady, recently took a two weeks vacation, which, from reports, seems to have been a real vacation. They drove to Boston, and there took passage on a steamer to St. John, Canada, their old home. They took their car along with them, so that they could visit all the old scenes of their childhood. They returned home the same way.

Things are looking up for the John Lymans, of Albany. They have just had a brand new enclosure built all around their porches, both front and back. They have a pretty little house, and this new enclosure makes it look even better.

Albany will open its social season with an affair the evening of October 2nd. Frank Spiwak will manage it for Albany Division No. 51, NFSD, and will call it a Hollywood Social. We are sure that Frank will give us a whizwhopper of a social for an opener.

The mother of Vera Ford Ulrich, Mabel Ford, and Iva Ford Heacock, of Niagara Falls, passed to her reward on September 8th, after a lingering illness, and was buried September 11th. Left a widow in early middle age, with three daughters, all deaf, she pluckily "carried on", and saw all of them raised an educated. Mrs. Ford was well known and loved by many of the deaf of Buffalo, Niagara Falls and vicinity, and the sympathy of all goes to the family.

Mr and Mrs. William F. Fitzgerald, of Elmira, are rejoicing in the third successful flight of the stork to their home. This time he brought a son, on August 5th. The young man is to be named William G. The whole family is reported to be doing well.

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## MINNESOTA

News items for this column, and subscriptions, should be sent to Wesley Lauritsen, School for the Deaf Faribault, Minnesota.

### WAR AGAINST DEAFNESS

"Hearing Problems In Education" was the subject of a recent article in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. The author was Dr. Horace Newhart, Minneapolis ear specialist, who apologized to this writer a few years ago after giving him a few unpleasant moments while administering a local anesthetic preceding a minor nasal operation to remove some unwanted bone. Dr. Newhart is a fine old gentleman who has worked with Superintendent L. M. Elstad testing the hearing of children in public schools throughout the state, addressing parent-teacher and other organizations on such trips. Dr. Newhart's interest in the deaf and hard of hearing is, we believe, a genuine interest. His wife is hard of hearing and a member of the Minneapolis Hard of Hearing League.

In his article, Dr. Newhart stated that the prevention of deafness and the care of the hard of hearing are nationwide problems of large magnitude, the solution of which is blocked at present by lack of knowledge and insufficient funds. The good doctor pointed out that speech defects occur eight times as frequently in hard of hearing children as among the normal, causing retardation in school work.

Dr. Newhart believes that medical and educational problems of deafness can be overcome, first by an educational campaign among physicians, educators, parents, teacher organizations, social welfare workers, and legislators, and, second by well-planned national and state welfare and social security legislation which will meet the urgent need of funds.

Dr. Newhart says leadership for such legislation can best come from such organizations as the American Education Association and the sections on pediatrics, preventive and industrial medicine, and public health of the American Medical Association.

"Audiometric surveys of school children have revealed the important fact that a slight hearing defect often causes retardation, speech defects, an inferiority complex and unsocial behavior problems," Dr. Newhart says.

"Statistics for the occurrence of an inferiority complex and behavior problems due to hearing defects are not available," the article continues, "but every experienced teacher and staff member of a child guidance clinic knows the damaging results from diffidence, discouragement and lowered morale in the child who has failed because of an overlooked, neglected or uncompensated hearing deficiency."

The Minneapolis specialist points out that a special problem of education is providing hard of hearing pupils with lip reading and speech correction in regular schools if they need it to keep up with their classes. Those with severe hearing loss and marked speech difficulties should be given special help, but they should not be segregated with the totally deaf, he says.

Two related problems are the providing of vocational guidance for older children and lip reading instruction for adults. The latter is being satisfactorily met by the chapters of the American Society for the Hard of Hearing, Dr. Newhart says.

Periodic testing of school children in Minneapolis has proved the effectiveness of this procedure in reducing hearing impairment in the school population, the article says. A drop from 8 per cent to 5.3 per cent between 1926 and 1936 in Minneapolis is reported.

Defective hearing is definitely more prevalent in rural areas than in communities having an effective school health program, Dr. Newhart declares. Rural schools near Minneapolis show an incidence of hearing loss at 12.6 per cent of the population, while the same age group in the city shows only 5.3 per cent.

### SCHOOL, OPENS

The Minnesota School for the Deaf threw open its doors for the 1937-1938 session on Tuesday, September 14, when close to three hundred enthusiastic girls and boys flocked back to the campus. The total enrollment is expected around 315, the same as last year. Thirty-seven new students were enrolled, seven in the advanced department, the rest in the intermediate and primary groups.

There are a number of changes in the faculty. Miss Hattie Harrel, of Alabama, a hearing sister of Miss Josephine Harrel, who attended Gallaudet College in the early twenties, is taking the place left vacant by the resignation of Miss Edith Stroud, who is now teaching in the Dayton, Ohio, day school. Mr. Clarence Sommers will fill the art department position left vacant by Ralph Heimdahl who is now on Walt Disney's staff in Hollywood; Mr. Chester Dobson is filling Mr. L. A. Roth's place in the printing office, and Mr. Hubert Sellner has taken charge of P. N. Peterson's old rendezvous in the sloyd room.

The positions left vacant by the resignations of Miss Josephine Resler and Miss Mary Ann Stevens are not being filled because of lack of funds.

### FRAT PLAY NIGHT

Instead of the customary cards, a Frat Play Night followed the September meeting of the Fairbault Frats on the eleventh. The change was evidently appreciated, as the evening saw the largest turnout in a long time.

The program was opened with a comical dialogue by V. R. Spence and Arthur Petersen, (Albert Lea). Minnesota has a number of Art Petersens and we want to give the right one credit, as it is about time for him to renew his subscription. Fairbault deaf residents were the butt of their jokes, which brought down the house. One family was described as having the ability to eat glass without ill effect as they possessed gizzards. The sad part of it was that a member of the same family was taken ill with a stomach disorder the very next day and kept from the active list for three days.

In the second part of the program Toivo Lindholm assumed the role of magician and pulled rabbits out of empty hats.

Mrs. Lindholm and the wife of Albert Lea's Arthur Petersen then followed with humorous dances.

The final number on the program was a movie show through the courtesy of John Boatwright, who had taken pictures of the local deaf, and the recent N. A. D. Convention. He also showed a number of films that he had purchased.

Refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. Lauritsen late in the evening and all departed just before "tomorrow."

Add to list of deaf turkey raisers in Minnesota, Grand Worlien of near Dundas. This farmer lives nearer us than any on the list mentioned in a recent issue, and we had not heard of his adventure in this line. We would not have known of it now had we not passed his place recently and seen 'em with our own eyes. Such is the life of a news gatherer.

Having disposed of most of their household goods, Mr. and Mrs. John Schwartz are now on their way to California for the winter, perhaps for good. Kindly old folks who have made their home in Fairbault since the early nineties, the Schwartzs leave a host of friends in the Gopher State. Driving a brand new Ford, the Schwartzs left Fairbault on September 16, taking with them the very best wishes of all their numerous friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dobson and young son have rented the John Schwartz home and are comfortably

settled in the mansion. With good homes to be rented as scarce as hen's teeth, the Dobsons feel fortunate in securing the Schwartz house just across the street from the school athletic field. Lucky! That's the word.

The members of the Elizabeth Tate Circle gathered at the home of Mrs. L. A. Duchene on Wednesday afternoon, September 15, for their regular monthly meeting. Nearly all of the members recited some current events. What the members did during the rest of the afternoon is only guess work. We know they enjoyed some delicious refreshments. Before and after that they ———. Your guess is as good as ours.

## PHILADELPHIA

News items for this column should be sent to Howard S. Ferguson, 250 W. Sparks St., Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.

We are indebted for the following bit of news printed below to Mr. Charles A. Kepp, superintendent of the Home at Torresdale. Mr. Kepp has come forward with the promise that he will keep us supplied of any doings of interest concerning the Home life, to which we are deeply indebted as this will in some way help us to fill in this column. Now if we could only get some contributions from All Souls' Church, the H. A. D., St. Joseph Mission, the Lutherans and the Alumane girls, this column would keep going week after week and be the most interesting one in the whole paper. One lone reporter can't be everywhere at one time. Cooperation is the word. But we are getting out of our way. Yes, it was Mr. Kepp we were speaking about. He gives us this:

George Watkeys, the young deaf-blind man, was given permission to go home for a vacation with his mother recently. Word has been received that the mother is lonesome and has decided to keep George at home. Notice has been sent to her that unless George is returned by September 8th, the residence at the Home will be declared vacant, and if at any future time steps are made to re-admit him, he will have to apply through the regular way, which will also depend on vacancies at the Home.

The janitor of the Home, Mr. Craig, left the employ last August 14th and was paid his half month's salary. Your superintendent will endeavor to get a man and wife to take over the vacancy, letting the present cook out for this change.

On the whole, the family is in very good health at the present time.

A baler for papers, etc., has been donated to the Home by the Penn Fruit Company. A scale has been purchased from Fairbanks-Norse Company for about \$18.00, delivery included. It is hoped to help collect quite a sum in the sale of papers, magazines, cardboard, etc., through these additions.

Superintendent Kepp informed us that the scales seemed to make a great hit with the residents, because every now and then they can be found weighing themselves in the basement where the scales are. With this information, three members of the Board of Home Management sneaked down to the basement and to save a penny weighed themselves. Who were they? We won't tell, but we'll give you a description. One is a superintendent and seems to know a lot about carpentry. One is a former secretary of the P. S. A. D. and came from Mussolini-land. The other one is the guy who thinks he is a columnist, but whose readers sometimes have doubts about it.

Speaking about the Home and such, reminds us to remind you that the first Saturday in October is Donation Day at the Home. We have it on good authority that buses from Lancaster and Reading are coming over for the day and with the usual Phila-

delphia turnout, there should be a nice crowd there to welcome Petey Graves, P. S. A. D.'s new president and cigar-chewing he-man. Yes, Petey, will be there in the flesh. And for your convenience, there will be two automobiles to convey and also from the Home to the car line in the evening. The charge? Free, my dear Rollo! And also the F. G. Club ladies will have complete charge of the kitchen, where they will serve some swell feed for you for a small sum.

*This and That, and Them and Those*—The Hebrews had a motion picture show at their hall on the 18th. Nice crowd present to see "Under-tow." Beer, soda, pretzels helped to swell the intake. Same is to help finance their coming 30th anniversary Big Feed in December. Getting tired, reading their one-inch ad. pertaining same? Don't worry. It will soon blossom out with all the info of said big feed—noticed Maggie Wolfe, from Harrisburg there. She claims she works for the Pennsylvania Government. Probably sharpening pencils for the Governor.

Bob Feller was good enough to draw the Messrs. Carl Fragin and Robert Johnston from Wilmington to Shibe Park to see him lose to our hapless A's. (Delaware correspondent, please copy). This happened on the 19th. Noticed in the box seat section was Mr. Paul Gromis, Reading, with a party of five. The pretzel business is picking up, eh Paul? H. F. De Volpi has blossomed out with a 1936 Plymouth. We saw the bill of sale, so there you are. Mrs. H. Ferguson just got over an infected finger. Same lasted about a week. Yes, we had to do the dishes in the meantime. And with six boils at that. But we got them at the wrong place. Not one came out on our hands. The Kuhns of Olney, five of them, motored down South during the Labor Day holidays. Mr. Kuhn promised us the whereabouts of the trip, but we haven't heard where they went. We know at least they were in Washington 'cause when we mooched a match from him, the box advertised a Washington hotel. Feetsball is here. It's easily noticed when you see Evans, Dooner, Dunner and McManus arguing on the pro and con of the Eagles, Villanova, Temple and Penn. Lloyd Armor of Upper Darby, is busy hammering away in his cellar these days. Cause for hammering is the laying out of a miniature town with Lionel trains and such for Christmas. From his description the space taken up should be 15 x 15 feet, not inches. And by the way, he has blossomed out with a new Dodge. Once more, we still ride the trolleys. Mrs. Superintendent Kepp has been bothered with ear-aches lately. We hope she gets over them. Bre'r Wolf had the cast removed from his leg recently. Has to have the leg X-rayed again to see if the bones knitted okay. Haven't heard the outcome. Last mail collection is due so we shut up here. Ta, ta!

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For information, write to Jacob Brodsky, President, or Mrs. Sylvan G. Stern, Secretary, 5043 N. 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa.



## Canadian News

News items for this column, and subscriptions, may be sent to Mrs. A. M. Adam, 5 Fairholt Road N, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

### HAMILTON

On Sunday afternoon, September 12th, the services at Centenary Church were reopened. As Mr. Green of Chesley will conduct the service on the 19th, Mr. Gleadow thought it advisable to have a service a week earlier so that the deaf will be reminded of Mr. Green's service, which will be his first one in Hamilton.

Mr. Gleadow gave a thoughtful sermon on "Service," reading from Matthew 23:1-12, and as an example of true service, related the story of Damon and Pythias.

Miss Betty Ballard, who spent the month of August with her family at their summer cottage, was in Ottawa on September 4th with her parents, to attend the wedding of her cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor will be celebrating their silver wedding anniversary on September 19th. Their friends are planning a pleasant surprise for them, particulars of which will be given later.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Breen announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Monica Beatrice, to Mr. William John F. Mason, son of Mr. John A. Mason and the late Mrs. Lavina Mason, the wedding to take place October 23d, in St. Thomas' Anglican Church.

### WATERLOO COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Williams went down to Speedville on September 5th, and called on Mr. and Mrs. I. Nahr-gang. Mrs. Mason of Toronto, who has been staying with them for over a month, says that she has found the change to the country very beneficial.

Miss Helen Nahr-gang has returned to Buffalo after spending the past two months with her mother, Mrs. Nahr-gang at Haysville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin and family were the guests of Mr. Broth's parents at their farm at Moorefield on a recent Sunday. They say the farm looks very well.

Wallace Nahr-gang, who had for some time been in Toronto helping Mr. G. Elliott with his work in the church, has returned here to stay with his father, Mr. Allen Nahr-gang. Mr. Elliott has now recovered from his recent illness and does not need help at present.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. G. Liddy, whose husband passed away on September 2d, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. R. Cole has got a good job at the silk hosiery factory in Galt, where Mr. Cresson is working. He has been promised steady work there.

Mrs. Mason stopped here on her way home to Toronto, to call on some of her friends, after a most enjoyable holiday spent at Mr. I. Nahr-gang's farm at Speedville.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams and family have been much distressed over the loss of their dog, which some one had cruelly poisoned. They have now got a little Boston terrier pup five weeks old, which is so small that it can stand on one-hand.

### TORONTO

Now that summer is a thing of the past, autumnal social activities are getting under way in the deaf colony here. The heaviest agenda will be on the Frat Convention Committee calendar, as the committee is determined to raise a huge silver chest for the entertainment of some 5,000 delegates to the convention in Toronto in 1939.

The opening 1938 campaign of fund-raising will be launched by the Auxfrats, who have selected Saturday, October 16th, as the date of their Convention Tea affair to be held at the Toronto Evangelical Church of the Deaf. Mrs. David Peikoff will be convenor, and she proposes to invite several hearing hostesses to make the afternoon and evening pleasant for hearing patrons. This affair should

be given fullest support as little time is left before the convention draws near and every bit counts a lot.

At one of the meetings of the Auxfrats before the summer recess caused suspension of all social activities, Mrs. Francis Doyle was chosen chairman of the Auxfrats.

As a token of the confidence of the convention committee in the skill of the Auxfrats in wooing money to their coffers, the ladies are entrusted with the Hallowe'en program slated for October 30th. Further particulars about this event will be announced later.

Mr. Silas Baskerville is given responsibility for the biggest event of the year due for Saturday, November 20th. His slogan for this affair is "Campaign Night." Already an army of copper collectors have sprung up as a result of Mr. Baskerville's publicity ventures. Mr. Baskerville promises an evening of eye-opener stunts and entertainment which will make every one who comes glad they traveled long distances to participate in an affair beneficial to the convention fund.

Miss Pearl Hermon was in Stirling to attend her aunt's funeral on September 4th. Turning herself into an opportunist, Pearl stopped over in Belleville to visit her Alma Mater and she also paid calls on her friends in the city.

Mrs. Asa Forrester and children of Dunnville, were in Toronto for a week and stayed with Mrs. Forrester's mother. They attended the opening of the Toronto exhibition which dazzled their eyes accustomed to provincial atmosphere.

Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott have returned home after spending two weeks' holidays in Norwick and Brantford. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry in Norwick and in Brantford they stayed with Mr. and Mrs. H. Lloyd.

Miss Annabel Thomson took advantage of the excursion to Barrie and stayed with Mr. and Mrs. C. Golds during the week-end of September 11th. "Button" is now in love with travel. Her friends do not mind her going anywhere, but they hope she will not suddenly develop a notion to skyrocket to Mars.

There is no doubt about it, but Miss Lucy Buchan is an immensely popular girl these days. She has been to numberless affairs prior to her departure for Winnipeg, where she is to resume her duties as a teacher in the school for the deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bell of Oshawa, enjoyed tarrying with relatives of the latter during their vacation in Owen Sound and vicinity. It has been years since the Bells have made their advent among their kin in this region. They paid a call on Mr. and Mrs. Doyle before departing for Oshawa.

Mr. Liddy died at the age of 70 on September 8th, after a long illness. He used to work as a compositor in Winnipeg years ago.

Mr. Jack Morrison took a motor trip to Montreal for two weeks with his relatives.

Labor Day visitors who took advantage of the long week-end to visit the exhibition and renew acquaintances were Miss Susie Sherritt of Shelburne; Miss A. Trotter of North Bay; Mr. and Mrs. C. Golds of Barrie; Mr. Herbert Watson of St. Catherine's, and Mr. J. Bedwill of Highland Creek.

Mrs. Noble, the mother of Tom, passed away on August 24th, after a lengthy illness. Our sympathy goes to Tom who not so long ago returned to the city of his first love after years of residence in Vancouver.

The Belleville School for the Deaf once more threw open its doors on September 8th, and a good attendance of pupils is reported to have featured the opening day.

The Hazlitt family have concluded their lease on the cottage in Muskoka which they rented for a month. Everywhere they are being greeted with exclamations from friends sur-

prised at their thick coats of tan acquired by long exposure to sun and outdoors life.

Owing to Rev. MacGowan's absence on his holidays, Mr. John Shilton gave a very interesting sermon on "According to Thy Faith" on Sunday, August 29th, at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gotthelf looked rejuvenated after their two weeks' vacation in Muskoka. Mrs. Gotthelf continued her holidays at Alymer near Ottawa for another two weeks, while her worse half returned to work. Norma had the pleasure of getting acquainted with Miss Iona Dibble of New York.

The week-end of August 29th visitors in Toronto were Miss Margaret Brent of Timmins, and Miss Laura Cooke of Foxboro.

Lazy days are here, good, disengaged hours by the dozen are now available to Mr. McDonald of Windsor, who is presently making good use of his abounding leisure. Naturally his initial period of enjoyment was with his relatives in Orilla, where he was a gentleman of leisure for three weeks. At this writing he is a visitor at the domicile of Mr. and Mrs. Crawley. His next stop-over will be in London for the final stretch of voluntary bumming.

Like the proverbial magnetic needle, Toronto recently attracted Mr. and Mrs. David Sours of Clinton, into its midst, not only due to the charms of our famous exhibition but more particularly, owing to those unfailing smiles of welcome of their only daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Doyle. During their stay here, the party formed into a foursome and set out on an expedition of exploration through the labyrinths of the Fair, where they witnessed remarkable advances made by science, commerce, industry and what-have-you. Just prior to their egress from Toronto the Good, the threesome augmented by Mrs. Frank Harris and Mrs. C. Golds of Barrie, motored to Jackson's Point to pass one whole Tuesday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Peikoff at their Lake Simcoe cottage. Despite rough waves Mrs. Doyle and her father established their just claim to angling fame by capturing two large bass, the former losing an extra fish when the fishing tackle fell out of the socket. Mrs. Doyle keeps insisting it was a 400-pound tuna and her obliging friends tell her they wanted to think it over for 400 years before believing her yarn.

A. M. ADAM.

### St. Louis, Mo.

The Missouri State Association for the Deaf held its eleventh triennial convention at Hotel York, St. Louis, on September 3 to 6 inclusive.

The large attendance and success of the convention was far beyond our expectations. Regardless of the fact that the local committee was allotted only three months to prepare for the event, it can boast of the most successful state association convention ever held in St. Louis.

Our chairlady, Mrs. Harry Berwin, a great hustler in any activity she endures, performed her duty splendidly. The rest of the committee should be credited for their enthusiastic efforts "to put St. Louis on the map."

On Friday, before the opening of the ceremonies, we had a few early arrivals at the hotel. President and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Baum, Mrs. Arnett McArtor, Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Croxton, Mrs. Gross, Mrs. Merrell, and Mrs. C. Dillenschneider were among them.

Later in the day we attested another promenade with the arrivals of the convention's newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Max Mossell. Mr. Shipman and Mr. Coats came along with them.

Mr. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. McKern (the latter representing Mr. Hughes as official treasurer of the M. A. D.) are not to be overlooked as Friday afternoon arrivals. On Friday midnight

arrived Secretary and Mrs. Fred Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dillenschneider, Mr. Littleman, Mr. Coll, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green and the latter's father, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Lois Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. W. Seattles, Mr. and Mrs. Kolman, Miss Nora Nanney, Mr. C. Dillenschneider, Mr. and Mrs. Kellner and Mr. H. Overheiser. On Saturday showed up Mr. and Mrs. Prettyman and their charming daughter, Chicago's Mr. and Mrs. Newman; Mr. E. Burnes, Mrs. Hoyt and Miss Haliburn.

Fortunately Supt. Truman L. Ingle of the Fulton School and Mr. John Grace, principal of the Gallaudet School, were at our reception Friday night. Their parts in the program were cherished by the attendance of approximately five hundred. Mr. E. Barth and a representative of Mayor Dickman were also there to welcome the delegates. Mesdames Burgherr and Blevins were the grand hostesses.

On Saturday at 9:45 A.M. President Armstrong called the convention business session to order. Miss C. Joell recited "America" gracefully. There was a series of highly debated arguments brought up during the sessions, but all ended well. As quoted from Shakespeare: "Alls well that ends well."

New officers were elected as follows: President, Fred Murphy; First Vice-President, W. L. Dillenschneider; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Harry Berwin; Secretary, Mrs. Earl Buelteman; Treasurer, Max Mossell. Treasurer of the Home Fund, Rev. A. O. Steideman.

The banquet Saturday night was a brilliant affair galore. Mrs. Earl Buelteman, the chairlady, reports an attendance of one hundred and fifty-five. The toastmaster, Rev. A. O. Steideman and his selections on the program could not have been better. Messrs. Armstrong, Fred Murphy, Shipman, Stafford and Halbach, Mesdames C. Dillenschneider, C. Fry, E. Buelteman, and Misses Catherine Joell and Marie Goetter were on the banquet program. Dancing followed immediately, turning the ballroom into a colorful atmosphere.

The different missions of the deaf were well attended Sunday. The picnic at Hoffman's Grove in the afternoon had a crowd of four hundred. Mrs. Carverton and Mrs. Harrington directors of the picnic, deserve our compliments.

The convention ended on Labor Day with a delightful steamer excursion on the President. About two hundred and fifty deaf were on the boat, which left the wharf at 10:10 o'clock. The late hour, not unusual at any convention, caused a few to oversleep and miss the boat. What a pity! The President, a newly built elaborate excursioner, was the centre of amusement for all the gay silents that day. During the convention we had for our official interpreter, the unequalled Mrs. O. Schneider.

St. Louis is exceedingly grateful to have done its share for the Missouri State Association and is proud of its grand record.

Those who came and participated in the convention have our heartfelt thanks.

Welcome one and all again to dear old St. Louis.

MRS. EARL BUELTEMAN,  
Secretary.

### 18th Annual Bal Masque

Philadelphia Silent Athletic Club, Inc.  
Saturday Eve., November 6, 1937

Full particulars later

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### 30th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Hebrew Association of the Deaf  
of Philadelphia

Saturday, December 18, 1937

Full particulars later



## Los Angeles, Cal.

Labor Day is here—vacation is nearly gone and our travelers are returning; Mrs. Andrew Genner, from an auto trip with her mother, brother and his wife, which took them as far east as New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greenberg from Texas and Chicago, bringing along Mrs. Mannie Graff of Michigan, an old school friend of Mrs. Greenberg's; Mr. and Mrs. Krasne from Kansas City, where they were much feted; Perry Seely from the N. A. D. Convention, where he was elected to the N. A. D. Board, and was successful in his efforts to have Los Angeles chosen as the place for the 1940 N. A. D. Convention; Mrs. Susan Walgren from Iowa and Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Willman from a motor trip to Oregon and Washington State; Mrs. J. A. Goldstein from a visit to her aged parents in Philadelphia; A. L. Hurt from Omaha, Neb., and Pueblo, Col.; and Mrs. Archie Kerr from New Orleans, La., where she especially enjoyed visiting many historical places in the old French quarter.

Miss Gladys Jones, one of our charming and popular girls, was married on September 3d, to Mr. John Schultz of San Francisco. They left immediately on a honeymoon trip in the groom's car, after which they will reside in San Francisco. Gladys and her pal, Miss Lela Williams, have been sharing an apartment for some years past, their friendship dating since their school days at the Utah School for the Deaf. A miscellaneous bridal shower was tendered Miss Jones on Sunday, August 29th, at the Cosmopolitan Club by the following hostesses: Miss Lela Williams, and Mesdames Irene Smith, Rae Brookins, Julia Kwitkie, Eva Thomas, Olive Seely and Mona Beck. Luncheon was served at one o'clock to the sixty ladies present. Then there were several guessing games at which prizes were won by Mesdames Wilma Reid, Blanche Lloyd, Eleanor Scribner and Ethel Himmelschein. A poem, "Sweet is the word for you," was declaimed by Mrs. Himmelschein. There was then a comic playlet by Mesdames Earl Lewis and H. Priester. Now came the unwrapping of such a mountain of boxes and packages that all records for "showers" in our circles were broken. The gifts were placed on the platform, where all later viewed them and many were the exclamations over the array of useful and beautiful linens, most modern utensils, glass and china dishes. It was whispered that Mr. Schultz would arrive that afternoon, so most of the ladies lingered till five o'clock when he arrived, so they had the pleasure of meeting him. He was led to see the presents and seemed impressed by this evidence of the popularity of his bride. Good wishes and good luck to the happy couple!

A picnic was held in Westlake Park on August 31st, honoring Mrs. Bertha Barnes of New York City. A number of collegemates and other friends were present. Mesdames McMann and Barrett sponsored the affair. Some invited were not able to be present. Mr. McMann took a picture of the collegians present, who were Messrs. Thompson and Barrett, ex-'89; Mrs. Barrett, ex-'95; Mrs. Barnes and W. E. Dudley, '96, Mesdames Alice Terry, Mary Thompson and Florence Rothert, ex-'00, Howard Terry, ex-'01, and Miss Cora Denton, '03.

Mrs. Lillian Sonneborn and Miss Effie Rowe returned on August 15th, after a seven-weeks' cruise on the liner "President Coolidge." They reported a wonderful and interesting trip. They were in Shanghai in the International Settlement about a week before the start of the Japanese attacks. The stores where they shopped have since been destroyed by bombs. They were lucky in getting out of the war zone in time.

The Frats have been very busy lately. They had a dance on Saturday night, September 4th, at the American Temple on North Vermont Avenue, well attended in spite of the Labor Day week-end. Sunday afternoon they had a Bridge tournament at the Cosmopolitan Club, in charge of T. W. Elliott, and a big picnic on Labor Day at Brookside Park, Pasadena. At the tournament the winners of first prizes of \$1.50 each were Mrs. Reynolds and Elmer Watt. The second prizes \$1.00 each went to Mrs. B. Keene and J. A. Goldstein. In a drawing, \$1.00 each was won by Miss Lela Williams, Messrs. Kwitkie, Amundsen and Wine.

Rev. E. C. Sibberson of Topeka, Kan., was the guest speaker at the Temple Baptist Church at their morning and evening services on September 5th. At the evening service a vested choir rendered several hymns, with organ accompaniment. The choir consisted of Mesdames Samuelson, Chapman, Long, Lamberton, Baldwin, Miss Miller and Messrs. Klein, Chapman, Baldwin and Samuelson. Rev. Sibberson was with them on Labor Day at their picnic in Griffith Park. He had been at Palo Alto, where his two girls will enter Stanford College.

Two ladies from the northwest were recent visitors. Miss Marion Finch of the Salem, Oregon, School, who visited her sister, and Miss Florence Churdan of Victoria, B. C., who visited friends. As a guide she had Tom King, with whom she got acquainted, as he has spent several winters in Seattle.

Grand President Roberts of the N. F. S. D. and his wife are in the city. In our next letter we will tell of various affairs in their honor.

(Second letter)

Many became "Frat minded" during the visit here of Grand President Roberts of the N. F. S. D., and Mrs. Roberts. They were looking well, after their long auto trip, during which they visited the Western Divisions.

Wednesday evening, September 8th, there was a complimentary ball and reception in their honor, given by Los Angeles Division, No. 27, at Sunset Masonic Temple. Admission was free and a crowd of about 400 was present. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were busy meeting old friends and being introduced to new ones for a time, then they led the Grand March and there was dancing for awhile. Next they were seated and the Grand President made an interesting speech about the N. F. S. D. Mrs. Grace Noah then appeared on the platform, accompanied by Billy Reynolds, bearing a large box. Mrs. Noah expressed the pride of the Kansas Association of the Deaf of Southern California in the success and attainments of President Roberts, a graduate of the Kansas School. She stated the Society had a gift for them, "Made in California," and purchased on Olvera Street, the only one of the old Spanish streets which has been preserved. Mr. Reynolds then gave the box to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, and on being unwrapped it disclosed a unique pottery coffee server and sugar bowl and creamer. President Roberts expressed their thanks in an appropriate speech, then dancing was resumed. The Grand President then went to the balcony and had a conference with the young oralists who wish to establish Hollywood Oral Division. It is reported he considered this favorably, provided there is the required number of oralists to start the new Division. The next day, September 9th, was a legal holiday, Admission Day, the 87th anniversary of the admission of California to the Union. With the exception of Texas, California is the only state to spring into full statehood with a government which had been functioning for almost a year previously. This holiday came handy as it gave the deaf a chance to get rested for the evening. We under-

stand that Mr. and Mrs. Roberts put in a full day visiting the famed beaches, called on a few friends and also visited Paul R. Wys at the Rancho Los Amigos. Wys, also a Kansan and pal of Roberts, had been expecting them and both shed tears at the meeting, Roberts being especially affected as he remembered the former robust and handsome Wys, who has been an invalid the past eight years or so. He moves about in a wheel chair, still is a great reader and alert mentally, his verses have now and then been published in the *Frat* magazine.

The evening of the 9th there was held the regular business meeting of the Frats, combined with a smoker as they had the Grand President with them at Sunset Masonic Temple. At the same time the wives and widows of the Frats had a party honoring Mrs. Roberts at the Cosmopolitan Club. Chairman of this affair was Mrs. Kenneth Willman, assisted by Mesdames Gardner, Turner, Kwitkie, Verbury, Seely and Lucy Anderson. Dutch whist was played and dainty refreshments were served at 11 o'clock. By this time the Frats began coming in and were in time to see the presentation to Mrs. Roberts of a guest gift, a beautiful tray, also "Made in California." In a fitting speech of appreciation, Mrs. Roberts said she did not need the tray to help her remember the pleasant evening. Cash prizes were then given the winners at cards, in the order named: Mesdames McDonald, Roberts, Keene, E. Larson and Hyten. Visiting with the guests was then in order till a late hour, as they were to leave the next day for Salt Lake City.

The following account is from the *Silent Broadcaster*:

Miss Jean Greenberg, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greenberg, who has but recently returned with her parents from a vacation trip to Texas and Chicago, suddenly became ill, and was rushed to the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, where an immediate blood transfusion was decided upon.

Mrs. Moses Graff of Kalamazoo, Mich., guest-visitor of the Greenbergs, and girlhood chum of Mrs. Greenberg; and Mr. J. A. Goldstein, who happened to be at their home at the time Miss Greenberg became ill, volunteered to donate their blood. Tests made showed that their blood matched that of the sick girl.

A double transfusion was decided upon. Mrs. Graff giving a quart of her blood and Mr. Goldstein a pint.

A noticeable improvement was apparent immediately after the transfusion, and Miss Greenberg is now well on the road to recovery.

Various parties have lately had auto trips to Northern California points. Among these are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barrett and son, Romney; Mr. and Mrs. U. W. Cool and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Himmelschein, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Butterbaugh and son, and Mrs. Bertha Barnes. The Butterbaughs left Mrs. Barnes in Oakland with an old college friend, Mrs. Agatha Hanson, while they went to visit a relative north of San Francisco. The latest to go were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen and Mr. Schaefer, who went to San Francisco, so Mr. Allen could attend the convention of the Iron Moulders Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels of Kansas City, are visiting a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Becher, who live near her, took the Daniels one evening to call on the Barretts. Mrs. Daniels, formerly Miss Virgin, had been a classmate of Mr. Barrett, and they had not met since she left school fifty-one years ago.

AUGUSTA K. BARRETT.

### Married

Miss Esther Cohen of Eau Claire, Wis., and Mr. Max Lewis of Milwaukee were married on Sunday morning, September 12th. A large crowd of relatives were present at the ceremony, which took place at the home of the rabbi in Milwaukee. The bride was educated at the North Dakota and Minnesota schools.

## An Explanation

\*At the Chicago Convention of the NAD reports of the Executive Board, the Secretary-Treasurer and Standing Committees were submitted in the form of a pamphlet, distributed among the members attending.

The report of the Executive Board consisted of a resume of action taken on matters dealt with in 22 official communications.

In five instances attention is invited to the fact that I failed to vote, the inference being that I failed to that extent to carry out the duties of my office.

I have had a number of inquiries on this account, and in a recent issue of the *Journal* public comment was made about this failure. For this reason I wish to make a public statement.

The first communication is dated September 17, 1934. From that time until March 13, 1936, no comment of such failure is made. To all intents and purposes of the report, I was active in the affairs of the Board.

Without going into exhaustive detail, I wish to say that in three of the five cases, a question with regard to affiliation was involved. As chairman of the Committee on Affiliation, I had reason to feel that not only was the Constitution being disregarded in a high-handed manner, but also that a more or less clear understanding with the State Associations was being violated. The Constitution lays down conditions for establishment of local branches. At no time has this by-law been superseded. The matter of affiliation had to do with State Associations alone. For these and other reasons, I addressed a communication to the President to the effect that I could not approve of this action or actions. Subsequently, at the Chicago Convention, I made a statement of what had occurred. The action taken sustained by implication the course I had pursued.

In one instance I am cited as not voting, although I wrote in reasons for opposing the measure.

In another instance I am cited as not voting on two matters (Communication 19). I wish to state that I strongly approved printing of Committee reports, making only inquiries about expenses, but refused to vote on the second item for reasons above given.

Personally I regard the whole matter as an evidence of bad taste and political chicanery, defined as trickery with fair pretense.

JAMES N. ORMAN.

## Newark, N. J.

St. Thomas' Mission to the Deaf will have Rev. Mr. Braddock give a reading from Mark Twain and Dickens at the Trinity Parish House, 24 Rector St., Newark, N. J., on Saturday, September 25, 1937 at 8 P. M. Mr. Emil Scheifler is chairman in charge of the affair.

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## Miami, Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jacobs motored here from St. Petersburg, Fla., two days before Labor Day to witness the labor parade and also to meet their friends. On September 7th they left for home.

Mr. Antonio Ramon Virsida of Tampa and Mrs. Herbert Wright and her two children accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs on their trip to this city and returned home with the same party.

Mrs. Herbert Wright came here to see if her family could move here to be with Mr. Wright, who is working here as a painter, but she had to give up the idea of moving here because Mr. Wright was not sure of steady work through the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schatzkin are still with us. We understand that they will leave here before October 1st for Minneapolis, Minn., where they intend to stay indefinitely with Mrs. Schatzkin's folks.

Miss Mary Woolsey, who had spent five weeks at the beach, left here on September 1st for Knoxville, Tenn., where she stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Kessler for one week and then departed for Danville, Ky., to resume her duties at the Kentucky School for the Deaf.

Many friends in Washington, D. C., and some Gallaudet College wrestlers, will regret to know the passing of J. P. Virnstein here on September 12th. Mr. Virnstein was struck down by a motor car and injured fatally while crossing Fifth street near Michigan avenue. He came to Miami Beach four years ago from Washington, D. C. He was retired from the Navy Yard then as a boilermaker. For the last five months he had been employed at the Cambridge Hotel at the Beach. He leaves a son, Dr. Ellsworth Virnstein, and a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence McCollough, both of Washington, D. C., and a sister, Mrs. Mary Raley, also of Washington.

H. S. M.

## New York State

(Continued from page 5)

Frank Murray of Elmira is feeling quite blown up around the chest these days, as his son, Walter, and wife have a son, born September 5th. This happy event has made "little" Frank a granddaddy for the fifth time. Quite a grand granddaddy, we think.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Shepherd, of Elmira, took advantage of the Labor Day weekend and attended the Reunion at the Columbus, Ohio, School for the Deaf. They also visited Mrs. Shepherd's mother, who has been quite ill.

The mother of Mrs. Charles Marsh of Elmira recently passed away. It is reported that she had been in ill health for some time.

Hubert G. Cole, of Windsor, was confirmed in All Saint's Church, Johnson City, on September 11th, by the Rt. Rev. Edward H. Coley, Bishop of Central New York, the Rev. Herbert C. Merrill presenting.

Mrs. Elery Race of Johnson City has returned home from a visit to her mother in Scranton, Pa., who had been quite ill. Her condition is now so much better that Mrs. Race came back to cook for her hubby again.

Mr. William Anderson of Endicott is lonesomely flipping his own flapjacks these days, as his wife has been making a visit in Bath, N. Y., her former home.

Mother, to small son who is going to a party; "Now, dear, what are you going to do when you've had enough to eat?"

Little Tommy: "Come home."

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December 2-3-4, 1937  
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The First and the Only Society of the Hebrew Deaf in Chicago  
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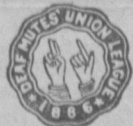
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## Literary Night

on

Sunday, Sept. 26, 1937

At 8:15 P.M.

## Speakers and Entertainers

SAMUEL FRANKENHEIM

DAVID A. DAVIDOWITZ

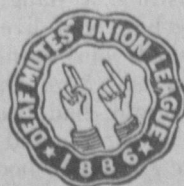
SAMUEL KOHN

MR. AND MRS. EMERSON ROMERO

ROBERT McLAREN

EDWARD SOHMER

Admission, . . . Only 25 Cents



## Deaf-Mutes' Union League

711 Eighth Avenue  
New York

## Bridge & "500" Card Party

Sunday, October 3, 1937

at 7 P.M.

CASH PRIZES

Admission, . . . 35 Cents

# 25th ANNIVERSARY BALL

Under the Auspices of

Hartford Div., No. 37, N.F.S.D.

At

Governor's Foot Guard Hall

159 High Street, Hartford, Connecticut

One block East of R. R. Station and three blocks North, located North of U. S.

Post Office. Ample Parking

Saturday Evening, October 23, 1937

6 P.M. to 1 A.M.

EATS DRINKS DANCING PRIZES SHOWS

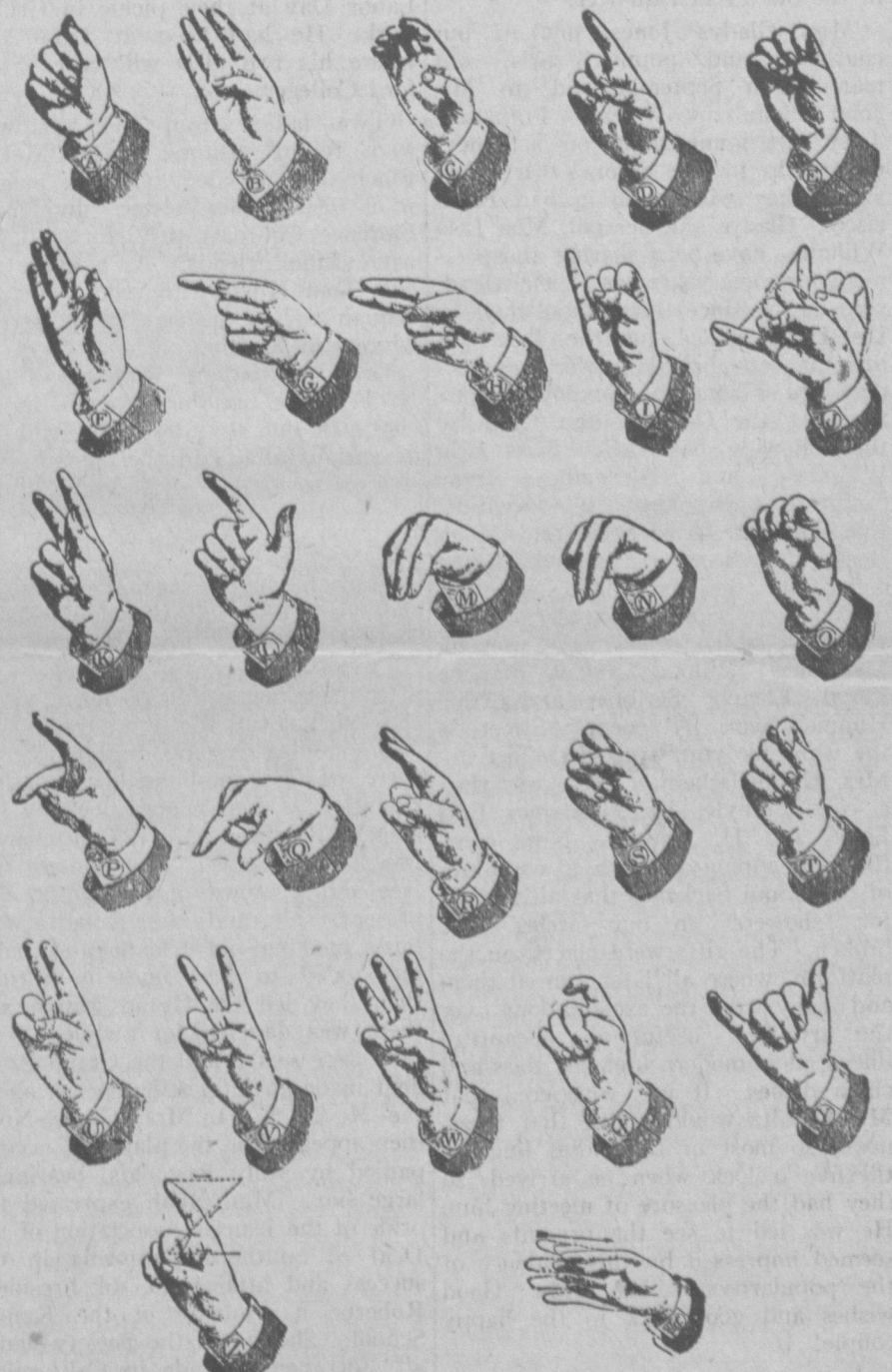
ADMISSION, ONE DOLLAR Per Person

Edgar C. Luther, Chairman, George W. Mottram, Walter A. Young, Leo Lacroix,  
Joseph Marino—Committee in Charge

## ADDED ATTRACTION

A FOOTBALL GAME between New Jersey School for the Deaf and American School for the Deaf at West Hartford, Conn.

2:30 o'clock Saturday Afternoon



AMERICAN MANUAL ALPHABET



When you go away on a trip, or are entertaining visitors, or have a party to celebrate something, etc., etc., drop us a card. Little bits of news like these are what make a paper interesting. The address is Deaf-Mutes Journal, Station M, New York City, or your local correspondent.

